

Amendments to the Specification:

After the title and before the first paragraph please insert the heading

Background Of The Invention

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, lines ⁶⁻⁹~~14~~, with the following amended paragraph:

The invention relates to a supporting sleeve, ~~said supporting sleeve being~~ that is introducible into a penetration in a component ~~[[,]] wherein for the fixing of~~ Further the component may be fixed on the carrier ~~[[,]] so that~~ so that the hole of ~~said the~~ supporting sleeve is penetrated by a fixing pin, particularly a screw, that is insertable into the carrier.

On page 2, after line 2, and before line 3, insert the heading

Summary Of The Invention

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, lines ⁹⁻¹³~~7-11~~ with the following amended paragraph:

The object of the invention is achieved in that the supporting sleeve is formed in cross section as a closed ring and ~~comprises~~ includes a plurality of axially extending recesses extending over the entire length of the supporting sleeve, ~~wherein therefore~~, when radial pressure is applied to the supporting sleeve, the walls of ~~said the~~ recesses come closer to each other as the bases of the recesses bend in.